



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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Supervisors Override Abele Veto to Reduce Office Budget

Agree that Abele Should Help Shoulder the Burden of County's Fiscal Challenges

MILWAUKEE – In a 12 to 5 vote Monday that crossed political lines, Milwaukee County Supervisors overrode County Executive Chris Abele's veto of a reduction in his office budget. Supervisors adopted a 2017 budget last week that reduced the County Executive's office budget to 2011 levels, a provision the County Executive later vetoed.

When he was first elected in 2011 Chris Abele promised to "[freeze the executive office budget](#)." In his 2017 recommended budget, County Executive Abele proposed a nearly 30% increase in staff salaries over 2011 levels.

County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., issued the following statement.

"Supervisors are right to ask County Executive Abele to keep his promise and help shoulder the burden of Milwaukee County's budget gap when he is also asking our citizens to pay more in taxes and fees.

"If County Executive Abele is unable to keep his promise to voters and control his office budget, he can come back to the Board and explain why he needs increased funding for staff salaries and benefits.

"Given that he has broken his pledge to freeze the executive office budget and instead proposed to increase salaries and wages by nearly 30% for his appointed staff, it will be very difficult for County Executive Abele to convince County residents to vote "Yes" on his \$60 wheel tax proposal in April," said Lipscomb.

Supervisors Cullen, Dimitrijevic, Johnson, Lipscomb, Mayo, Moore Omokunde, Sartori, Schmitt, Sebring, Sequanna Taylor, Weishan, and West voted to override the veto. Supervisors Alexander, Haas, Staskunas, Steve F. Taylor, and Wasserman voted to sustain the veto.

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